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| This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. | |
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| Attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR Signature Kathryn A. Piffat, Ph.D. Typed or printed name NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest than one signature is required, see below. | July 13, 2005 Date (617) 439-4444 Telephone Number |
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